**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: )

James E. Akiyama )

Examiner: Unassigned )

Serial No.: 09/164,898 )

Art Unit: 2751 )

Filed: October 1, 1998 )

For: VIRTUALIZED STRIPING )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amd.		(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra
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Indep. Claims	* 6	Minus	*** 3	3
<b>First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)</b>				

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x39	\$ 0
+130	\$ 0
Total Add. Fee	\$ 0

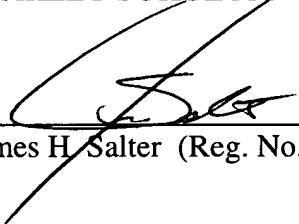
OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x18	\$ 0
x78	\$ 234
+260	\$ 0
Total Add. Fee	\$ 234

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- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of      ( ) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,

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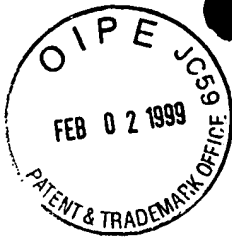
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First Named Inventor James E. Akiyama  
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**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/97)****1. FILING FEE**

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	790	201	395	Utility application filing fee	_____
106	330	206	165	Design application filing fee	_____
107	540	207	270	Plant filing fee	_____
108	790	208	395	Reissue filing fee	_____
114	150	214	75	Provisional application filing fee	_____
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>\$ 0</b>

**2. CLAIMS**

	<u>Extra</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Total Claims _____ - 20 = _____	X	_____	_____
Independent Claims _____ - 3 = _____	X	_____	_____
Multiple Dependent Claims _____	X	_____	_____

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
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103	22	203	11	Claims in excess of twenty	_____
102	82	202	41	Independent claims in excess of 3	_____
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim	_____
109	82	209	41	Reissue independent claims over original patent	_____
110	22	210	11	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	_____
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					<b>\$ 0</b>

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for response within second month	
117	950	217	475	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,510	218	755	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	2,060	228	1,030	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	
141	1,320	241	660	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142	1,320	242	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	450	243	225	Design issue fee	
144	670	244	335	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	790	246	395	For filing a submission after final rejection	
149	790	249	395	For each additional invention to be examined	
Other: <u>Additional Claims</u>					<u>234.00</u>
SUBTOTAL (3)					\$ <u>234.00</u>

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, lines 8-18, please replace the Summary of the Invention with the following:

A<sup>1</sup>

-- A striping disk controller and disk drive system for a computer system wherein the computer system includes a CPU connected to a system bus and executes an operating system including a BIOS, the striping disk controller and disk drive system includes, 1) an interface connected to the system bus and communicating with the BIOS, 2) first and second disk drives each having data separator electronics, data formatting electronics and head positioning electronics, and 3) a striping controller connected between the first and second disk drives and the interface, the striping controller adapted to cause data being communicated between the system bus and the first and second drives to be written to and read from the first and second drives in an interleaved form and substantially in parallel. --

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 15, lines 1-11, please replace the Abstract with the following:

A<sup>2</sup>

-- A striping disk controller and disk drive system for a computer system wherein the computer system includes a CPU connected to a system bus and executes an operating system including a BIOS, the striping disk controller and disk drive system includes, 1) an interface connected to the system bus and

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